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Docket 49190-10

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re:  
Applicant: HORTON, Dave Group Art Unit: 1712  
Serial No.: 10/604,754 Examiner: TUCKER, Phillip C.  
Filed: August 14, 2003  
For: "DRILLING FLUIDS, DRILLING FLUIDS ADDITIVES AND METHODS  
USEFUL FOR LIMITING TAR SANDS ACCRETION ON METAL  
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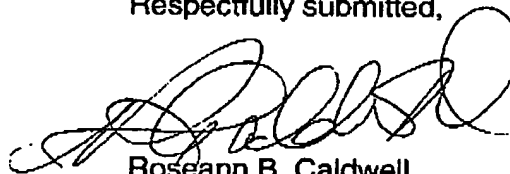
Sir:

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT**

The office is requested to expressly abandon the above-noted patent application in favor of applicant's corresponding application 10/604,733 filed previously. As such the invention in the above-noted application is not expressly abandoned, but rather pursued in the corresponding application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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